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Balloon Voyage Across the Atlantic.
Speaking of the proposed balloon voyage across the Atlantic ocean, of Professor John Wise and several scientific gentlemen, an exchange says:

There will be one large balloon and two smaller ones, which will act as tenders to the aerial ship and supply gas as fast as it is exhausted. The aggregate capacity of the three chambers will be 325,000 feet of gas, and it will take 2,700 yards of drilling to make the large balloon. The basket, or cabin, in which the aeronauts propose to sit will be a comfortable room, with windows for ventilation, and a stove to keep up a comfortable temperature and cook the meals. A calcium light will be kept burning at night.

To provide against contingencies, a life boat will be attached to the car, provided with sails, oars and provisions for a thirty days' voyage, although the Prof. has no fear that the boat will ever touch the water. He desires, however, to make some sacrifice to what less courageous persons might call common prudence, therefore he has provided the life-boat, and attached certain water-tight bags thereto, which in a great emergency may be converted into life-preservers. After all these applications have been fastened to the balloon it will still have a lifting capacity of 11,000 pounds.

The time of starting has not been definitely fixed, but if the balloon can be finished before the Fourth of July next, Professor Wise will set sail on that day from Boston Common. If he lands safely in Europe he will be the most famous man of his century. The aerial current is supposed to move at the rate of one hundred miles per hour, and the trip will take about thirty hours. It may be possible, however, that the balloon may land at some point remote from telegraph lines, and if the friends of the voyagers do not hear of them for five or six days they would not still be warranted in coming to the conclusion that the air-ship has collapsed. It may drift into some southward bound current, and carry the bold navigators to South America or even to Africa, and if they happen to land in some uninhabited country it may take them a long time to find out where they are, and how to get back. They will sail in a ship that has no rudder and cannot be steered, and they must go wherever the current carries them.

Notwithstanding Professor Wise's elaborate preparations, and the appropriation of \$3,000 by the Boston Aldermen, there are a few incorrigible sceptics who affirm that the air-ship, with its life-boat attached will never set sail from Boston Common.

ROYAL DRAWING ROOMS.—The last drawing room held by her Majesty at Buckingham Palace, says an exchange, was more numerous attended than any which have taken place there for a long time. The presentations, too, increased in proportion, there being no less than 350 names on the list for that purpose. It was, however, of general admission, I am told, that the drawing room was remarkable, even more than by its numbers, by the increasing bad taste of its toilets. It seems to be the fashion to place in juxtaposition all and every of the glaring colors hitherto supposed to be inharmonious, and Buckingham Palace, I hear, exhibited simply an exaggerated display of that utter want of true taste which has of late been shocking all well-regulated eyes at the opera and in "society." Town has long endured extravagance of "form" in toilets, but now that vandalism in color is added the result becomes intolerable. The "loud" nature of both, now, explains why the grand monde will not take example by the Princess of Wales, whose attire is always suited appropriate to the occasion, is never outre, and never antagonistic to the true principles of "art," with which "dress" is sure to fly off at an offensive tangent. The Court Express writes in favor of a reform of dress at the royal drawing rooms and strongly urges that ladies should be permitted to appear before her Majesty from two to four in the afternoon in demitoe, instead of in ball costume. A woman, however, young and fair, (says the Express), does not feel at ease, or look her best, thus decollete in garish daylight; she feels sorry, and wholly uncomfortable; a sensation similar to that of trying on a ball-dress in daylight is the predominant sensation of the wearer of a court costume. So rigorous is the etiquette enjoined by the Lord Chamberlain that the most transparent gauze is not permitted to be worn over the shoulders even by the grandmothers of the debutantes. Etiquette should certainly concede to age what it denies to youth. These septuagenarian ladies attend the drawing rooms out of duty to their children's sabbidren, and not with a view to displaying their faded charms. It is a positive penance to them to be exposed for five hours, shawless and wrappings, to the gaze of the multitude—noble and ignoble—with the agreeable additions of a scorching sun or a piercing wind.

ARTIFICIAL COAL.—On some of the French railways, pressed coal, made from waste coal dust, is exclusively the fuel used, and at first possessed a considerably greater economical advantage than subsequently; the net cost of the article, including the motive power, the wear and tear of machinery, and for labor, having been as low as forty cents per ton, in some of the districts of France and Belgium, and, even in the most important manufacturing centers, the average net cost per ton has been as low as thirty cents. The increase in value, however, soon reached to four dollars per ton at the mill; and the fine dirt coal, which once was merely worthless, thus paid a profit of nearly three dollars per ton. But even this increase has been largely advanced upon, because the advantages of this kind of fuel have become more widely known and the demand consequently greater, and because the modes of manufacture and the qualities of the article have been greatly improved.

When making contracts for this fuel, the railroad companies have been accustomed to allow six per cent. of ash, tolerating a difference of one-half of one per cent., more or less, than the standard allowance, with a corresponding difference in price. But when the amount of ash exceeds eight per cent., the coal is considered unfit. It is estimated that a cargo of this artificial or pressed coal will represent almost mathematically a solid mass of coal, and that the coal-bunkers of a ship will, therefore, contain fifty per cent. more of this material than of ordinary loose coal in lumps.

Boots and Shoes

SPRING TRADE, 1873.

W. B. WADDEY,
NO. 74 KING STREET.

Boots and Shoes,

ever offered in this market.

The especial attention of the trade is invited to my stock of

LADIES', MISSES', CHILDREN'S, GENTS', BOYS' AND YOUTH'S WEAR,

comprising all varieties and styles, from the heavy Brogan to the most delicate Slipper, made to order, and of the best material.

COUNTRY MERCHANTS will find it to their advantage to examine my stock, from which equally good selections can be made, at prices that will compare favorably with those of the Northern cities.

In the RETAIL DEPARTMENT I have all the latest styles of LADIES', GENTLEMEN'S and CHILDREN'S BOOTS, SHOES, GAITERS and SLIPPERS furnished in the most elegant manner, and warranted durable.

Satisfaction in all cases guaranteed. mh 15

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

GEO. WASHINGTON & BROTHER,
WASHINGTON & BROTHER,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
NO. 20 UNION STREET,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Consignments of Grain, Merchandise and all kinds of Country Produce solicited. Special attention given to all business entrusted to them. Prompt returns made. ap 24

W. M. W. HERBERT,

(Successor to Washington & Herbert.)
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
OFFICE—NO. 11 NORTH UNION STREET,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

Particular attention paid to the selling of all kinds of Country Produce, and filling orders for Groceries, Guano, Seeds, Plaster, Fish, Salt, Lime, &c., at lowest market rates. feb 7-4f

J. C. MILBURN,

Wholesale and Retail
GROCER AND COMMISSION MERCHANT,
NEW STORE,
No. 19 North Royal st., and cor. Market alley,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

The proximity of this store to the Market House, "the centre of trade," will enable me to obtain good prices for Flour, Grain and Country Produce consigned to my care.

Consignments and orders for Groceries respectfully solicited. They will receive careful and prompt attention. oct 23-4f

W. A. SMOOT,

DEALER IN
SALT, COAL AND PLASTER
SMOOT'S WHARF,
(Foot of Princess st.),
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

feb 21-4f

R. M. LAWSON,

(Successor to Brown & Lawson.)
GROCER & COMMISSION MERCHANT,
Nos. 67 and 69 Cameron street,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Orders and consignments solicited. feb 13

HOOE & JOHNSTON,

(Successors to Fowle & Co.)
NO. 2 PRINCE STREET,
GENERAL
COMMISSION AND SHIPPING MERCHANTS.
Dealers in all kinds of
FERTILIZERS, SALT AND PLASTER
Agents of the
NEW YORK & BALTIMORE STEAMERS.

Also of the
LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

feb 5-4f

F. G. SWAINE,

GROCER & COMMISSION MERCHANT,
No. 22 North Royal street,
On hand and for sale a well selected stock of
GROCERIES.

Consignments of GRAIN, COUNTRY PRODUCE, &c., respectfully solicited. Strict attention paid to sales, and prompt returns guaranteed. jn 13-4f

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RAW BONE PHOSPHATE,
No. 17 King street, Alexandria, Va.

Particular attention given to the sale of all kinds of Country Produce, and filling orders for Guano, Plaster, Farming Implements, Seeds, Groceries, Fish, Salt, Lime, &c., at lowest market rates. aug 31-4f

SHINN & CO.,

(Successors to Samuel Hartley.)
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
No. 13 Union street,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Particular attention paid to the selling of FLOUR, GRAIN and all kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE, and filling all orders for GROCERIES, GUANO, PLASTER, SEEDS, &c., &c., at the lowest market rates.

Agents for the sale of James S. Welch's celebrated brands of **FAMILY FLOUR**.

Agents for the sale of the **"ROUND TOP HYDRAULIC CEMENT."** jan 5-4f

J. BRODERS & CO.,

No. 11 King street,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
Wholesale Dealers in
GROCERIES,
LIQUORS,
PROVISIONS,
SALT FISH,
and PRODUCE.

Also keep on hand a general assortment of Cordage, Tar, Pitch, Nails, Packing, Oils, Lamps and Ship, and Naval Stores.

All orders and consignments promptly attended to, and goods forwarded without delay to consignees on arrival.

Agents for Dupont's Gunpowder.

XXX Ale and Porter always on hand.

Agents for the Baltimore and Potomac Transportation Line. mh 10-4f

ROACHES! ROACHES!!! ROACHES!!!

We have on hand an article that we can recommend with confidence for the destruction of Roaches. Price 25c per package. For sale by my 20

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

JEWELRY—A large assortment of new styles Jewelry, Hair, Ornaments, &c. FERGUSON'S, 66 King street. my 19

TEAS! TEAS!

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICE AT
HOOFF'S FANCY GROCERY.
Ten and 15 cents less per lb than formerly. Call at 68 King street. ju 6

GEORGE McBURNEY & SON,
Dealers in
CHOICE WINES AND FANCY GROCERIES, FAMILIES AND LIQUORS,
ENGLISH AND SCOTCH ALE AND BROWN STOUT.

Also, EASTERN and POTOMAC HERRING and MACKEREL.
NOS. 166 AND 170 KING STREET,
(Washington Hall Building),
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Orders promptly filled. mh 31-4f

CHINESE TEA COMPANY,

NO. 11 NORTH ROYAL STREET.
Have just received a large and carefully selected stock of
TEAS, SEASON 1872.
(No old stock.)

Japans, pound, half do. and quarter do. packages.
" fine, very fine, superior quality.....\$1 00
" fine, extra fine, superior quality.....0 90
Oolong, extra fine quality.....1 00
" superior.....0 85
" fair.....0 65
Imperial, extra fine.....1 40
" superior.....0 90
" fair.....0 65
Young Hyson, extra fine.....1 30
English Breakfast.....1 10
Gunpowder, extra fine.....1 60
" superior.....1 35
" good.....1 00

We are confident that the quality of our Teas cannot be surpassed, and are willing to have them compared with any in the market.

We have everything in the FINE GROCERY LINE.

SHelf GOODS of all kinds, fresh stock.
FRENCH CANDY, guaranteed to be pure.
The best brands of Domestic and Imported CIGARS and TOBACCO.

We particularly request our customers to return any article purchased from us that does not give satisfaction.

Any club order purchased from the Tea Company in New York will be duplicated in price, and surpassed in quality.

CHINESE TEA COMPANY,
No. 11 North Royal street,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

ju 12-4f

NEW STORE.

F. G. SWAINE
Would inform his friends and the public generally that he has leased the store on the corner of Cameron and Royal streets, (J. C. Milburn's old stand) and will keep, in connection with the Grocery, Liquor and Commission store, No. 22 North Royal street, a first class

FAMILY GROCERY,
where can be found at all times Fresh Roll Butter, Poultry, Eggs, Honey, Beans, Dried Fruits, Potatoes, Canned Peaches, Pineapple, Tomatoes and Corn, &c., &c. Call and examine. feb 7

G. W. RAMSAY,

WHOLESALE AND FAMILY GROCER,
—AND—
TEA DEALER,
S. E. COR. KING AND ST. ANAPH STS.,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.
nov 22-4f

W. M. F. BROOKES & BROTHER,

Dealers in
FINE AND FANCY GROCERIES,
147 King street,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

Particular attention given to the selection of Fine Teas and Coffees. my 2-4f

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Dealers in
CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES, WINES, AND LIQUORS,
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ALEXANDRIA, VA.
jan 14-4f

LEGAL.

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Attorneys and Counsellors at Law,
Office 25 South Fairfax street,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

Practice in the Courts of Washington city, Alexandria and adjoining counties, the Court of Appeals of Virginia at Richmond, the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia and the Supreme Court of the United States. my 20-1m

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AND BANKRUPTCY DISCHARGE.

The undersigned will, heretofore, in addition to other legal business, pay EXEMPTION DISCHARGE, and the homestead, and procuring the discharge provided by the late act of Congress. Being familiar with bankrupt proceedings and with the practice of the United States Courts—indispensable requisites for properly securing the full benefit of the act—and having easy access to the Court and Register's office, he believes that he can offer facilities equal to and upon as favorable terms as any one for procuring the desired results.

He will meet parties at different points by appointment, be at the court house in different counties on court days, and will cheerfully answer inquiries by mail.

W. WILLOUGHBY,
Attorney at Law and Solicitor in Bankruptcy.
Office No. 8 South Washington street. Residence 217 King st., Alex., Va. mh 18-4f

A HOMESTEAD SECURED AT LAST!

Congress having just declared the Virginia Homestead available as an EXEMPTION DISCHARGE, even as against old liens and judgments, the undersigned having the advantage of long experience in bankruptcy business, offers to secure both the homestead and the bankrupt's discharge on the most favorable terms. Address

U. S. COMMISSIONER AND SOLICITOR IN BANKRUPTCY,
Corner Prince and Royal streets,
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mh 6-3m

LINDEN KENT, S. C. NEALE,

ATTORNEYS,
AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW.
Practice in the Courts of the city of Alexandria, the adjoining counties, and of the District of Columbia.

General CLAIM and PENSION AGENTS.
Office, No. 681 Prince street, Alexandria, Va. oct 27-4f

PROFESSIONAL.

D. R. JAMES B. HODGKIN.

DENTAL SURGEON,
(Graduate Baltimore College Dental Surgery.)
Office and Residence 99 Prince Street,
(Two doors above Royal.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

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PICKLES—3 bbls Cucumber Pickles just received by [my 10] J. C. MILBURN.

DRY GOODS.

PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM,
No. 144 King street,
Have just received a very pretty and cheap lot of

PLAIN AND FANCY CASSIMERES, PARASOLS, NEW DRESS GOODS, a nice assortment of HOSIERY, FINE LINENS and VICTORIA LAWNs, which, in conjunction with their other stock of DRY GOODS, are open for inspection. It will be advisable to examine their goods before purchasing. They offer particular bargains in MATTINGS and OIL CLOTHS. my 9-1m

GAUZE MERINO AND GAUZE FLANNELS FOR GENTLEMEN'S AND LADIES' USE—Gauze Shirts for gentlemen, short and long sleeves, of various qualities. Also Gauze Merino Vests for ladies' use, at No. 62 King street. R. L. WOOD. ju 7

JUST RECEIVED.

A second very large
SUPPLY OF NEW GOODS.
We are now able to offer GREAT BARGAINS in many kinds of choice goods. We will not enumerate, but shall take pleasure in showing our stock to our friends and the public generally. my 6

D. F. WITMER CO.

NEW GOODS.

We call the attention of our lady patrons to the goods just received:

A fine line of DRESS GOODS, consisting in part of—
Alpacas; Japanese Fabrics; Japanese Silks; French Striped Silks; Black Silk; Black Silk for lining purposes; Linen for Ladies' Suitings, new shades; Persian Stripes Victoria Lawn, very new; superior French Black Grenadines; Medium and Lower do.

Some of these goods are offered for less than cost to import.

Linen Drills.

Linen Sheetings, 10-4 and 11-4 goods.

Linen for Boys.

An unusually pretty assortment of Calicoes, Lawns, Cambrics and Percales.

A full line of Cottons, 4-4, 5-4, 6-4, 8-4, 10-4 and 11-4.

Lace Shawls, real Llama.

Lace Squares, real Llama.

Silk Parasols, shades.

Silk Umbrellas, do.

I respectfully submit our large stock to a very close inspection. my 3

J. M. STEWART.

WHITE GOODS!

From large shipments arriving weekly, our regular lines are kept full throughout the season at No. 62 King street. ju 3

R. L. WOOD.

HOSIERY!

Having decided to close out my entire stock of Ladies' Men's and Children's Hosiery, I will from this date sell every pair at and below cost. I have a full line of regular Hosiery, and every pair must be sold by the first of June. Secure bargains by an early call. my 8

C. C. BERRY, 72 King st.

EVENING DRESS GOODS.

White Tulle, Pink, Green, Blue and Straw colored Tulle, White Organdy, beautiful goods in Plain, Striped and Plaid, Bishop and Victoria Lawns; also a full assortment of Cambrics, Embroideries, Edgings and goods especially suited to the coming season, at

ROBT. L. WOOD'S,
No. 62 King street.
my 10

1873 SPRING 1873

I beg to announce to the ladies of Alexandria that I am now opening a very large and attractive stock of

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS,
and would call the special attention to my stock of BLACK GOODS, in Bombazines, Henrietta Cloths, Cashmeres, Parisiennes, Tansie, Bigantines, Tamantines, Grenadines, Hermansies, Grape Grenadines, Jениnipes, Collons and Baden Cloths, Alpacas, Mohair and 3-4 and 6-4 Muslins.

And in FANCY DRESS GOODS! all the novelties in style and color of fabric to be found in the Northern cities. mh 27

H. B. HOOMES.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

FOR RENT—The convenient and eligible located THREE-STORY DWELLING HOUSE AND STORE, No. 171 King street; gas and water on the premises. Possession given on the first of July. Address or inquire for J. TACEY, at The Farmers' and Mechanics' Savings Bank. my 31-4f

FOR SALE OR RENT CHEAP—A large two-story FRAME HOUSE, with STORE ROOM attached, at Herndon station, Fairfax co., on the Washington and Ohio R. R., within one hour's ride of the city. Garden spot, containing 14 acres. Terms easy. Address or inquire for C. M. WHEPLEY, 720 13th st., bet. G and H, Washington, D. C. my 23-1m

FOR RENT—The THREE-STORY BRICK HOUSE No. 40 south Washington street. Possession given at once. Apply to E. J. LLOYD, 134 Queen st. my 20

BRICK DWELLING FOR RENT—The Brick Dwelling No. 42 south Washington street, near the corner of Duke. Possession given 1st of April. Apply to GREEN & WISE, Real Estate Agents. mh 10-4f

STOREHOUSE, ON KING STREET,
FOR RENT
The large store house, No. 15 King street, now occupied by Beckman, Delaplane & Co., will be rent after the 25th of February. This is thought to be one of the best stands in the city for a grocery or commission business. Apply to No. 62 King street. feb 7

ROBT. L. WOOD.

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CARRIAGES!

Always on hand, of my own manufacture, a large number of

LIGHT AND HEAVY CARRIAGES,

at reasonable prices. A number of SECOND-HAND BUGGIES AND ROCK-AWAYS ON HAND.

Repairing promptly attended to.

ROBT. H. GRAHAM,
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88 KING STREET.

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SPRING TRADE, 1873.
The subscribers have now on hand one of the largest and best assorted stocks of goods in their line ever offered by them, which they can and will sell at prices to suit the times. They name in part: Builders' Hardware, Pen, Pocket and Table Cutlery, Bar Iron, Horse Shoes, Nail Rods, Hubs, Rims, Spokes, Springs, Axles, Spades, Shovels, Hoes, Rakes, Forks, Traces, Log Chains, &c. Call at 88 King street, corner of Royal. mh 27

J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

PAINTS AND OILS—Our stock of White Lead, Zinc White, Linseed Oil, Spirit Turpentine, Varnishes, Colors, Paint Brushes, &c., is now very large, and is offered at the lowest market rates to cash or prompt customers by ju 6

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

DOG COLLARS!

An assortment at

JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS,
63 King street. ju 7

BOOTS AND SHOES.

LADIES' FINE FRENCH KID NEW-PORT TIES, the latest, at
WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' PARIS TIES, the latest, at
WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' PARLOR AND TOILET SLIPPERS, Ladies' French Kid Broadway, Ladies' Lasting Broadway, Turkey Morocco Broadway, French Kid Toilets, Cassimere Toilets, Lasting Toilets, Serge and Carpet Slippers, in every style and quality, at
WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' LASTING BOOTS—A large stock, with a great variety of new styles, beautiful and very cheap, at
WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

NEW STYLES LADIES' GAITERS at
WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

BURT'S FINE SHOES for ladies, misses and children, at
WADDEY'S,